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*Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is a family of Christians saved by God's grace
to proclaim the good news to our community and to the world by word and action.*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

December 1, 2024

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying" setting by Dennis Zimmer

*The Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (we kneel)

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
(we stand)



Psalm 25

(sung responsively)

To ¹you, O LORD,
I lift ¹up my soul.
²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be ¹put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph ¹over me.
³Let none who look to you be ¹put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame ¹who are treacherous.
⁴Show me your ¹ways, O LORD,
and teach ¹me your paths.
⁵Lead me in your ¹truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all ¹the day long.
⁶Remember, O LORD, your compas- ¹sion and love,
for they are from ¹everlasting.
⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and ¹my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your good- ¹ness, O LORD.
⁸You are gracious and up- ¹right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners ¹in your way.
⁹You lead the low- ¹ly in justice
and teach the low- ¹ly your way.
¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast ¹love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your ¹testimonies.

*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all) *Alleluia. Stand up and ' raise your heads –
your redemption is ' drawing near. Alleluia.* (Luke 21:28)

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DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER WE ARE COLLECTING NEEDED ITEMS FOR GOOD NEIGHBOR CUPBOARD. - ITEMS INCLUDE:

Peanut Butter, rice, dried beans, pasta, canned meat, canned fruit, canned soup, oatmeal, grits, flour, sugar, cereal, cooking oil—cleaning/personal hygiene list: bath soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet tissue, laundry soap, bleach, cleaning solutions (Lysol, Mr. Clean for example). Please note: perishables are not included.



POINSETTIAS for the Christmas Eve services will be provided this year for \$13.00. Donors will be listed in the worship bulletin for the Christmas Eve services. If you would like to place an order for one or more, please fill out the form and place it in the offering plate or send to the Church office. The **deadline** is Sunday, December 15th. Payment must accompany your order. Plants may be picked up after the 11:00 p.m. service Christmas Eve. (Please leave the three white poinsettias in the manger.)

Enclosed is _____ for _____ poinsettias.

IN MEMORY OF _____

IN HONOR OF _____

OTHER (To the Glory of God) _____

Given by _____

The offering envelopes are in the Narthex; please ask the usher for your box of envelopes.

All offerings to be credited to 2024 must be received by December 31ST.

Offerings received after this date cannot be credited to 2024.

With the New Year approaching, we will be working on the Annual Report.

Early reminder, 2024 annual reports are due on or before Sunday, January 5th. All 2024 Committee Chairs are to turn in a report to the church office.

*Hymn

“Fling Wide the Door”

Hymn #259

*The Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

*The Kyrie (sung responsively)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

*The Prayer of the Day

Stir up Your power, Lord Christ, and come. By Your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for Your life of justice, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

Children’s Sermon

Lighting of the Advent Wreath - *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”* Stanza 1

Hymn #257

The First Lesson (Jeremiah 33:14-16)

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Psalm 25

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The Second Lesson (1 Thessalonians 3:9-13)

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*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all) *Alleluia. Stand up and 'raise your heads – your redemption is 'drawing near. Alleluia.* (Luke 21:28)

The gospel is announced: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to You, O Lord.

*The Holy Gospel (Luke 21:25-36)

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After the reading: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon

“GETTIN’ READY FOR QUITTIN’ TIME”

*Hymn of the Month

“All Earth Is Hopeful”

Hymn # 266

*The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
The Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
Of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
The only Son of God,
Eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
True God from true God,
Begotten, not made,
Of one Being with the Father;
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven,
Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
And became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
In accordance with the scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
And his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
Who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of Intercession

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation. (we kneel)

The Leader concludes each petition with “Lord In Your Mercy,” and the response is, “Hear our Prayer.”

SERVING YOU TODAY – December 1, 2024

Minister..... Pastor Chris Fischer
Organist/Choir Director.....Jill Helgeson
Acolytes.....(E) Claude Calloway (L) Joshua Fischer
Lectors.....(E) Jan House (L) Bobbi Metz
Assisting Ministers.....(E) Suzie Bannister (L) Beth Fischer
Video/IT Engineer.....Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Connor Caldwell/ Mike Oates
Tabulators.....Chris & Anna Caldwell
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(E) Mike Cox - Captain, Leslie Cox, Suzie Bannister, Robert Allen, Olin Bell, Tom Adrian
(L) Mike Oates - Captain, Dave Korn, Sandi Jordan, Cherie Brown, Kristie Evans, Chad Evans
Church Secretary.....Pat Ross
PresidentBeth Cribbe
Vice-President.....Rynde Dial
Treasurer.....Diane Richardson
Council Secretary.....Lauren Guthre

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

December 1 – December 7

TODAY

8:45 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Early Choir Practice
10:00 a.m. Children’s Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
10:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School (Youth Room - Education Building)
10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)

TUES.

6:00 p.m. Women’s Group Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

WED.

10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)
6:00 p.m. Advent Meal (Host – Luther’s Ladies) (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 p.m. Advent Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Choir practice after worship

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Dining Divas (Dolce Vita Italian Bistro & Pizzeria)

ATTENDANCE Sunday Worship Services – November 24 – 8:45 a.m. (46) 11:00 a.m. (46)

OFFERINGS RECEIVED November 24 – Operating Fund \$3,737.00, World Hunger Fund \$3.50, Angel Tree Fund, \$150.00, Lutheran Men In Mission \$189.00, Endowment Fund \$100.00

LOOKING AHEAD
Worship Assistants, December 8

8:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

Acolytes	Cathy Rudisill	Katie Fischer
Lectors	Steven House	Mike Metz

December 8	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	8:45 a.m.
	Early Choir Practice (After Worship)	
	Children's Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
	Youth Sunday School Class (Youth Room - Education Building)	10:00 a.m.
	Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	11:00 a. m.
	Chrismon Tree Setup by Youth after Late Service	
December 9	Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	7:00 p.m.
December 11	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Advent Meal - Meal Group B- Beth Cribbe (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
	Advent Service (Sanctuary)	7:00 p.m.
	Choir Practice	
December 14	Youth Gathering at the Goodson Farm	5:00 p.m.
December 15	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	8:45 a.m.
	Early Choir Practice (After Worship)	
	Worship Service (Sanctuary) w/Congregational Christmas Pageant	11:00 a. m.
December 17	Women's Bible Study (Pairs and Spares Room)	6:00 p.m.
December 18	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Advent Meal - Meal Group (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
	Advent Service (Sanctuary)	7:00 p.m.
December 19	Choir Gathering (Helgeson's Home)	6:30 p.m.
December 22	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	8:45 a.m.
	Early Choir Practice (After Worship)	
	Children's Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
	Youth Sunday School Class (Youth Room - Education Building)	10:00 a.m.
	Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	11:00 a. m.
	Congregational Chili and Caroling (Fellowship Hall)	5:00 p.m.

*The Peace Is Shared

MEAL

The Offering is Received

Choir Anthems
 8:45 a.m. Anthem ***"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"*** - Geonyong Lee

Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body.
 Come , O Lord Jesus, reconcile Your people.

Come now, O God of love, make us one body.
 Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile Your people.

Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior.
 Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

Come, Hope of unity, make us one body.
 Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

11:00 a.m. Anthem ***"An Advent Prayer"*** - Allen Pote

Come holy Jesus, come to free us from our sin.
 Come holy Jesus and make us pure within.

Inspire each heart with illumined surprise,
 Enkindle a flame anew.
 Increase our faith and strengthen our lives,
 Show us the joy of living life in You.

Come holy Jesus, come to free us from our sin.
 Come holy Jesus, and make us pure within. Amen, Amen.

*The Offertory Hymn ***"Let the Vineyards be Fruitful"*** **Hymn #181**

*The Prayer (The congregation responds with AMEN.)

*The Great Thanksgiving (sung responsively)

L. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

L. Lift up your hearts.

C. We lift them to the Lord.

L. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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*Preface of the Day

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise (Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding) ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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*Sanctus (sung by all)

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

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* The Eucharistic Prayer

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*The Lord's Prayer

**C. Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

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*The Communion Hymn (sung by all)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

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(we sit)

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Mid-Week Advent Meals – 6:00 p.m.

December 4 Luther's Ladies – host Meal Group A-Beth Fischer
December 11 Luther's Ladies – host Meal Group B- Beth Cribbe
December 18 The Lutheran Church Youth – host

Worship follows at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 6 “Witness to Christmas - Mary”
Wednesday, December 13 “Witness to Christmas - Joseph”
Wednesday, December 20 “Witness to Christmas - The Angels”

The Mid-Week offerings received will be donated to the SC Synod Disaster Relief Fund.

Mark your calendars:

**Youth Christmas Party – December 13th - Goodson Farm at 5:00 p.m.
Christmas Pageant – December 15 - During the 11:00 a.m. service.
Choir Party – December 19 - Helgeson's Home at 6:30 p.m.
Congregational Chili and Caroling – December 22 at 5:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Services – 4:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.**



Angel Tree

1. Pick a tag off the “Angel Tree” in the Narthex and go shopping. **Please do not wrap gifts.**
2. Leave gift, with tag attached, in the church office parlor (use door code).
3. Gifts should be returned **NO LATER** than, Wednesday, **December 4th**, after which, you will be responsible for delivering your gifts to A.I.M.
4. In addition to selecting names from the Angel Tree in-person like we usually do, you also have the option of making a donation and someone from WELCA will do the shopping for you. If you would rather participate in this way, just make a check out to “**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**” and put “**Angel Tree**” in the Memo and drop it the offering plate or mail it to the church office. If you have any questions on any of this, please contact Nancy Scalf or Beth Fischer.

CHRISTMAS EVE
WORSHIP SERVICES – December 24th

Worship Service w/Communion Lessons and Carols – 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Liturgical Worship Service w/Communion - 11:00 p.m.

Note: There will be candle lighting at both services.

December 29th

One – Combined Worship – 10:00 a.m.

No Sunday School or Potluck Meal.

A REMINDER THAT DURING ADVENT

- The blue paraments symbolize the hope that comes to the world in the birth of the Christ Child.
- We omit the Hymn of Praise.
- Each week we light an additional candle on the Advent wreath and sing an additional stanza of “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.”
- The Prayer of the Day begins “Stir up....”
- We use the Nicene Creed.



The Christmas Pageant will be on Sunday, December 15th, during the Late Service. All ages are needed to participate in this year’s program. If you or your family members would like to be a part of this delightful Christmas tradition, contact Virgil Hobbs at (706) 717-1177. We will again be using a script created by Brenda McGowan.

Practices will be between the services on Sunday mornings and at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. (This is an hour before the Advent Meals on December 4 and 11.) A full dress-rehearsal will take place on Saturday, December 14th at 9:00 a.m. Our final rehearsal will be Sunday, December 15th following the Early Service.

The Communion (Continuous method-Please follow the directions of the ushers.)

Invited to commune at this altar are all baptized believers. Children not yet receiving Holy Communion are invited to come with their families to receive a blessing. On the way up, you are to pick up a cup and bring it to the altar. Prefilled cups in the center of the tray contain grape juice; otherwise wine will be dispensed at the altar into empty cups. Gluten free wafers are available as needed. Please notify the Pastor. To have the elements brought to you for communion, please notify an Usher. It would be helpful if you would sit on the front pew or on the aisle. As you go to the altar for communion, you are invited to dip your fingers into the water of the Baptismal Font and make a sign of the cross on your forehead in remembrance of your baptism.

*The Communion Blessing

Pastor Fischer

*Post Communion Hymn

“Now, Lord, You Let Your Servant”

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**Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled,
My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared
In the sight of ev’ry people: a light to reveal you to the
Nations and the glory of your people Israel.**

*Prayer after Communion (The congregation responds with AMEN.)

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SENDING

*The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace. **Amen.**

*Closing Hymn

“People, Look East”

Hymn #248

(Silence is observed for meditation as candles are extinguished.)

The Dismissal

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Postlude

“The King Shall Come”

-arr. Theodore A. Beck

(*) “Indicates congregation to stand

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Sandi Jordan to the honor and glory of God and in honor of the birthday of her daughter, Ashley, and in memory of the birthday of her mother, Estelle Wynne.

PRAYER LIST

11/24 Alma Dupree
 11/24 Doug and Cindy Wilson
 11/24 The Family of Steve Wyman
 11/24 Jean Vinson
 11/17 Jessica Wagner
 11/17 Judy Jarrett
 11/17 Rette Stokes
 11/17 The Family of Becky Smoak
 11/17 David Burns
 11/17 Sherri Bryant
 11/10 Jessica Wagner
 11/10 The Family of Dr. Ward Watt
 11/10 Fred Johnson & Family
 11/3 Tom Adrian
 11/3 The Family of Frankie Dial
 10/27 Cheryl Lane
 10/27 Genda Zareei
 10/27 Becky McIntosh
 10/20 Ann West
 10/20 The Family of Fred Rose
 10/20 Anne Landers
 10/20 The Family of Eric Rasche
 10/20 The Family of Mrs. Laura Morrison
 10/20 The Family of Chris Goodwin
 10/20 Don Simon
 10/20 The Family of Henry Fischer
 10/13 Dan Hunnicutt
 10/13 Sharon Christmas
 10/13 Kaitlin Crenshaw and twins
 10/13 Dr. Ward Watt
 9/29 The Family of Warren Lutz
 9/29 Jean Vinson
 9/29 Pamela Michalski
 9/29 James Baszak
 9/22 Aleks Medrano
 9/22 The Family of Susan Thomas
 9/15 The Family of David Lane
 9/15 Georgia Lou Huff
 9/15 Nancy Scalf
 9/15 Ina Reynolds
 9/8 The Family of Hewitt Dickerson

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 Congregation
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 Kim Hill
 Ben & Bonnie Emanuel
 Congregation
 Congregation
 Congregation
 Beth Fischer
 Brenda McGowan

9/1 Michael Oates
 9/1 Bill & Charlee Goodwin
 9/1 The Family of Virginia McDaniel
 9/1 John Stricker
 9/1 Whitney Capps
 9/1 The Catalfomo Family
 9/1 Jamie Sharpenberg

Congregation
 Sid & Rette Stokes
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 Congregation
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 Virgil & Mary Ann Hobbs
 Mike & Leslie Cox

LONG TERM PRAYERS

Edmond Pop
 Ed Hartshorn
 Elanor Dean
 Mike Borron
 Henri Holmes Adair Baker
 Gabrielle Godfrey
 Carolyn Culbreath
 Abby Barrett & Family
 Buddy & Lesley Taylor
 Ross King
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